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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY AND O'NEILL

CINCEUR AND CINCLANT FOR POLAD

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- 1. ON RECEIPT REFTEL DEPARTMENT CONTACTED SENIOR GULF EXECUTIVE IN PITTSBURGH. HE APOLOGIZED FOR NOT INFORMING DEPARTMENT IN ADVANCE OF DECISION TO EVACUATE. SAID DECISION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE OF INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATING POSSIBLE ATTACK ON GULF INSTALLATIONS AND/OR PERSONNEL IN CABINDA, INCLUDING POTENTIAL QTE RANSOMING AND KIDNAPPING UNQTE, AND BECAUSE OF FIGHTING BETWEEN LIBERATION FACTIONS IN LUANDA. GULF ADMITTED THAT IT WAS SHOWING QTE ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION UNQTE AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN ANGOLA DID NOT AGREE WITH EVACUATION ORDER. HOWEVER, GULF FELT IT WAS PRUDENT TO BE OVERLY CAUTIOUS IN THIS MATTER.
- 2. GULF STATED THAT EVACUATION IS ONLY MEANT TO BE TEMPORARY AND THAT IT HOPES TO MOVE PERSONNEL BACK QTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE UNQTE. ASKED DEPARTMENT TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM ON SITUATION IN ANGOLA SO DECISION TO RETURN CAN BE MADE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.
- 3. GULF STATED FURTHER THAT COMPANY OPERATIONS WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED. ALL DEPENDENTS WOULD BE REMOVED TO EITHER SOUTH AFRICA OR LONDON. ALL OPERATIONS PERSONNEL EXCEPT MANAGER SID ANDERSON WOULD BE MOVED FROM LUANDA TO CABINDA. (WHILE LATTER MOVE APPEARS INCONSISTENT WITH GULF CONCERN OVER SECURITY IN CABINDA, IT MAY REFLECT THEIR FEELING THAT, IN AN EMERGENCY, THERE ARE BETTER FACILITIES IN CABINDA FOR IMMEDIATE EVACUATION.)

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